



THE PRESENTER HOTLINE

North American Lutheran Marriage Encounter Presenter Newsletter
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NAR BOARD MEETING
was held Feb. 1-3, 2013 -- St. Louis, MO



NOMINATIONS FOR NAR POSITIONS DUE BY APRIL 30



The 3-year term of NAR Clergy Exec Couple, Dan & Judy Teuscher, and Lay Exec Couple, Dean & Marcia Redman, is ending this summer. Elections will take place August 16-18 at the NAR Board Meeting in St. Louis. Nominations must be submitted to Redmans or Teuschers by April 30. Any encountered couple can nominate qualified couples for the NAR Executive positions. As soon as a nomination has been received and eligibility confirmed, Redmans and Teuschers will contact the nominated couple to confirm their interest and send the dialogue questions and a questionnaire for them to complete and return no later than June 15. Please give prayerful consideration to couples you know who have a passion and commitment for this ministry. Following are some qualities and responsibilities that may help you identify these people. (You may also find this information and the nomination form posted on the www.ilme.org website.)

DESIRABLE LEADERSHIP QUALITIES:

- Commitment to each other, God, daily dialogue and Lutheran Marriage Encounter
- Vision using the history of LME to realize its effect on the present and future of the organization, including skills of long-range planning and thinking outside the box enough to carry out the mission in the future.
- Knowledge, understanding and willingness to learn
- Creativity in the solution of old and new problems
- Passion for marriage as an institution and the marriages of individual couples, including themselves.
- Willingness to share and delegate tasks and responsibilities, giving authority to other couples.
- Ability to inspire and stimulate members of the Board in their own leadership and in passion to live out the concepts of the Weekend in their daily lives.
- Trustworthiness, honesty, integrity, patience in dealing with others.
- Flexibility and common sense in applying guidelines in this organization of loving volunteers.
- Thick skin and care enough to love and forgive even in the face of rejection or criticism
- Wisdom & gentleness
- Initiative & communication with other lovers
- And the greatest of these is LOVE

CONSIDERATIONS FOR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP:

1. Must be committed to and practicing the gift of Daily Dialogue
2. Must be able to commit a sizable amount of time to this loving task
3. Will be responsible for co-chairing and preparing the agenda for Regional Board meetings, which usually take place twice a year - sometimes in Europe.

4. Are authorized to administer and conduct all business affairs of the Region in accordance with the By-laws and other guidelines and policies
5. Will create and delete Staff positions as needed, and will appoint and coordinate Regional Staff as needed (a minimum of Secretary and Finance Couples)
6. Will appoint standing committees of the NAR Board and serve as ex-officio members
7. Will attend the Interfaith Board meetings (usually twice a year)
8. Develop and foster a strong family relationship with the European Region and the Brazilian Outreach Area, attend an annual meeting of the ILME Board (alternates between a North America and a Europe location)
9. Maintain open lines of communication within the LME structure and Encountered Couples everywhere.

BY-LAW PROVISIONS FOR ELECTIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN REGION EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Per the By-laws, the North American Region shall elect one Regional Executive Lay Couple and one Regional Executive Clergy couple.

- They are primarily responsible for the administration of the North American Region
- They will decide which among them will serve as the President and Vice President of the corporation
- They will represent the Region on the ILME council
- They will also represent the Region in the relationship with Worldwide Marriage Encounter
- They will represent the Lutheran Region at meetings of the WWME Interfaith Board
- The term of office is one three-year term with no elected couple serving more than one consecutive term (to begin with the conclusion of the August meeting elections or at the end of the International Council meeting, whichever is later, but no later than Sept. 1 of that year)
- They must be a presenting couple, the lay couple being chosen from the third-set presenting couples. (If this is not possible, they must be chosen from current or past District Contact Couples.)
- Both Executive Lay Couple and Executive Clergy Couple must reside in North American Region.

Per paragraph III.D. of the By-laws, this is the voting process:

- Election voting will occur by written secret ballot, one vote per couple eligible to vote.
- The out-going Regional Executive Team and the District Executive Teams are eligible to vote in elections if they are present at the election meeting.
- District contact Couples (Lay and Clergy) will each have one vote (one vote per couple) in the election.
- In order for a couple to be elected, they must receive more than 50% of the votes eligible to be cast. In the event that no couple receives a majority of the votes in a ballot, the couple with the fewest votes will be eliminated and another vote taken. Couples receiving no votes shall also be eliminated. In the event of a tie vote, for a couple to be eliminated, all couples will continue to remain eligible and a re-vote will be taken after a short interval or reflection and prayer.

SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR NOMINATING FORM.

**NOMINATION FORM
FOR
NORTH AMERICAN REGION LAY OR CLERGY EXECUTIVE COUPLE**

_____ nominate _____
(nominating couple) (Nominees)

For the position of _____ Executive couple

INFORMATION NEEDED CONCERNING NOMINEES

1. Name and address
2. Telephone number and/or email address
3. . Date and location of original Encounter Weekend
4. . Current LME position (if any)
5. . Prior LME positions (if any)

Nominating couples:

On a separate page, please explain in full loving detail why you believe your nominees should be considered for election as NAR Executive Couple.

Please send this completed form, or simply e-mail the required information, to be received by April 30, 2013, to:

Dean and Marcia Redman
3616 Amberidge Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27515
919-797-0501
dmredman@nc.rr.com

or

Dan and Judy Teuscher
958 Shire Lane
Eureka, MO 63015
314-221-0770 cell
danjudy@aol.com

NAR Open Staff Positions

NAR Secretary
NAR Finance Couple
NAR Supply Couple



These 3 NAR (North American Region) positions are being vacated by couples who have been very dedicated servants in these positions for several years. They are NAR Executive-appointed positions. If you know of someone who might be interested in more information about any of these loving tasks, please contact Dean and Marcia Redman (dmredman@nc.rr.com) or Dan & Judy Teuscher (danjudy@aol.com).

NAR New Position Filled



Many thanks to Rob & Jeanne Schmidt for accepting the newly-created loving task of **NAR Outreach Couple**

Job description for this position:

- appointed staff member of NAR
- sends an updated report for the bi-annual NAR meetings to report on outreach activity scheduled in each district
- maintains frequent contact with District outreach couples to encourage and support
- coordinates and helps provide resources for Districts' outreach weekends

Re-write Updates

- We assume that all of you 2nd, 3rd, and Clergy writers have finished the Friday night re-writes of the combined Intro-Feelings talk and that those are being used on all Weekends.
- We hope all writers are well on your way to finishing the re-writes of the three 1st set talks: **Self, Listening** and **Risk**. If you need the information again as to how to get the outlines, go to: www.ilme.org > Resources for Couples who have been on a Weekend > Presenting Couples (enter password: LME/pc) > find document called: CPO Outlines & Workbook Pages. There is now a folder for each talk, and under each talk you will find: the Skeletal Outline, the Outline and Mentality, a template (which many find simplifies the writing because all of the formatting is done for you and the suggested wording is already placed in the talk), and the new Workbook pages that will go with this change. The new 2nd Set talk "**Marriage In Today's World**" outline has recently been released, and you may find the talk outline, mentality, template, and workbook pages also at the www.ilme.org website.
- It's wonderful that all faith expressions have input on the talks, but the difficult part of this is that there are compromises and adjustments that need to be made. We've been told that the Outline Committee has recently made a couple very minor adjustments to the Self talk. As soon as these are released, you will be informed.
- The goal set by NAR is to change over to all new talks in **September of 2013**. We are hopeful that the rest of the talks will be received soon so that this goal can be met.





E-BLASTING TO CHURCHES

Craig & Connie Leinicke of the marketing firm "Leinicke Group" are attempting to e-blast all churches in each area for a given Weekend about 3 months before each Weekend. If you would like to reach them about an e-blast for your area, you can contact them at conniel@leinickegroup.com. Based on the list of bounces that you receive from them following an eblast, you will need to update those email addresses that are no longer correct, and get those changes to them before your next e-blast.



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Applications: GodLovesMarriage.org Resources: ilme.org

Business Cards..Membership Cards..Letterhead..Web Banners

Please make use of these great resources now posted on the website.

For business card and membership card templates: www.ilme.org > Resources for Couples who have been on a Weekend > Presenting Couples (enter password: LME/pc) > Weekend materials > Membership and Business Cards. There is also a document with helpful hints for using these templates.

For letterhead and web banner: www.ilme.org > Resources for Couples who have been on a Weekend > Miscellaneous.

Please note: These documents may be condensed on the website, but if you download them, they should print very well.



HAVE TALKS...WILL TRAVEL

Following are the couples who have notified us that they are willing/usually able to travel to other areas to present their talks when needed and may be able to use Frequent Flyer miles or cover their travel costs:

- John & Nancy Orwig – clergy - Buffalo, WY nancyorwig@gmail.com
- Bob & Linda McGurn – clergy – Granby, CT mcgurn@snet.net
- Craig & Connie Leinicke – 2nd Set – Ellisville, MO conniel@leinickegroup.com
- Dean & Marcia Redman – 3rd Set – Chapel Hill, NC dmredman@nc.rr.com
- Don & Judy Christiansen – 3rd Set – Saginaw, MI fv4t7@chartermi.net
- Bob & Sandie Cain – 1st Set – Shelby Township, MI cains_65@yahoo.com
- Steve & Sue Rufe – 2nd Set – Parma, OH srufe@sbcglobal.net

If you are willing to have your name added to this list, please let us know at:
Fred & Julie Schamber -- fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

CURRENT BROCHURE



If you have not received copies of the new brochure, contact your District Leadership Couples. 30,000 copies at approximately 3 cents per copy have been printed and distributed to district leadership couples, so let's get them out there!

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2013 WWME Prayer Vigil

The 2013 WWME Prayer Vigil is printed on the next 2 pages. The times are Eastern Time Zone, so other areas would need to adjust. The Rufes will soon be submitting to the www.ilme.org website the version of this prayer vigil that can be taken to your local Kinkos and printed in an approximately 3-foot by 8-foot banner for your Weekends. Many areas find that rolling down this scroll of prayer warriors during the Dream talk is one of the most moving parts of the Weekend for many couples. We thank David & Jean Fell for their many hours of work on this. Let's make their time well worth the effort!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER PRAYER VIGIL - 2013

	Names	Expression*	Location
Friday			
F 9 am	John ♥ Nancy Orwig	ILME	Buffalo WY
F 10 am	Dale ♥ Debra Sands	EME	Deer Park IL
F 11 am	Raul ♥ Silvia Assales	RC	Buenos Aires Argentina
F Noon	David ♥ Jean Fell	ILME	Kent OH
F 1 pm	Dave ♥ Elsa Larson	ILME	Lincoln NE
F 2 pm	Dean ♥ Marcia Redman	ILME	Chapel Hill NC
F 3 pm	Tony ♥ Cathy Witzcak & Fr. Emile Frische	RC RC	Philadelphia PA New York NY
F 4 pm	Gene ♥ Karen Bass	UM	Evansville WI
F 5 pm	Chris ♥ Noelma Lam	RC	Georgetown Guyana
F 6 pm	Gordon ♥ Margaret Johnson	ILME	Dagus Mines PA
F 7 pm	(Dave) ♥ Novie Cooke	EME	Deltona FL
F 8 pm	Jon ♥ Bonnie Bell Peter ♥ Sheila Oprysko	ILME RC	Monclova OH Oakland NJ
F 9 pm	Tom ♥ Mary Frances Burke	RC	Casper WY
F 10 pm	Kevin ♥ Raye Guynn Richard ♥ Catherine Lemons	ILME EME	Mentor OH Austin MN
F 11 pm	Kevin ♥ Karen Mead Charlie ♥ Mary Copeland	RC RC	Topeka KS Austin TX
Friday Midnight	Mark ♥ Kari Hooper Frederic ♥ Jeanne Clifford	ILME RC	Olalla WA Dallas TX
S 1 am	Jim ♥ Detra Swenson Lionel ♥ Maria Nazareth	ILME RC	Vancouver WA Mumbai India
S 2 am	Carl ♥ Dallas Presley	ILME	Seattle WA
S 3 am	Bob ♥ Carole Schell	RC	Orpington Kent UK
S 4 am	Gisli Jonasson ♥ Arny Albertsdottir	ILME	Reykjavik Iceland
S 5 am	Joseph ♥ Anita Pragasam	RC	Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
S 6 am	Kauko ♥ Elina Erkkila	ILME	Kalajoki Finland
S 7 am	Duffy ♥ Nan Guthrie Pat ♥ Mike Bailey Leo ♥ Shirley Balaram	ILME RC RC	Conneaut OH Preston Lancashire UK Shipley W. Yorkshire UK
S 8 am	Mark ♥ Diane Becker	ILME	Hartville OH
S 9 am	Richard ♥ Miriam Carter	ILME	St. Paul MN
S 10 am	Mickey ♥ Sandy Preston	ILME	Mesa AZ
S 11 am	Harry ♥ Kath Gillett	RC	Bolton Lancashire UK
S Noon	Tony ♥ Win Phillips Pat ♥ Judy Rogers	RC RC	Gwent Wales UK Shanklin Isle of Wight UK
S 1 pm	Dan ♥ Martha Duda	MEW	Irving NY
S 2 pm	Jose ♥ Marilyn Garcia	RC	Austin TX
S 3 pm	Dick ♥ Diane Baumbach	RC	Merrit Island FL
S 4 pm	Jim ♥ Diann Daume	ILME	Cape Girardeau MO
S 5 pm	Fred ♥ Julie Schamber Chris ♥ Noelma Lam	ILME RC	Murrysville PA Georgetown Guyana

S 6 pm	Bob ♥ Darlene Kail	ILME	Canton OH
S 7 pm	Rich ♥ Jan Schleier	UM	Peoria AZ
S 8 pm	Carlos ♥ Esther Poblet	RC	Silver City NM
S 9 pm	(Phil) ♥ Paula Crow	RC	Naperville IL
S 10 pm	Bruce ♥ Mary Ann Breslin	ILME	Canal Fulton OH
S 11 pm	Bill ♥ Lee Gill	EME	Oxford CT
S Midnt	Gary ♥ Ann Long	PME	Houston TX
Sun 1 am	Dave ♥ Ada Dorn	ILME	Livermore CA
Sun 2 am	Dave ♥ Christine Sloan	RC	Auckland NZ
Sun 3 am	Harri ♥ Outi Helle	ILME	Viitasaari Finland
Sun 4 am	Tony ♥ Pam Darroc	RC	Tadley Hampshire UK
Sun 5 am	John ♥ Brenda Levesley	RC	Tamworth Staffordshire UK
Sun 6 am	Jan Torp Pharo ♥ Anne Gram-Larsen	ILME	Hvaler Norway
Sun 7 am	Duffy ♥ Nan Guthrie	ILME	Conneaut OH
Sun 8 am	John ♥ Robin Legan	ILME	Twinsburg OH
Sun 9 am	Darin ♥ Jessica Martin	M&B	Newmanstown PA
Sun 10 am	Scott ♥ Karen Seaborn Bob ♥ Sandy Cain	RC ILME	Waterloo IL Shelby Twp MI
Sun 11am	Shane ♥ Kim Jenkins	BME	Pataskala OH
Sun Noon	Don ♥ Judy Christiansen	ILME	Saginaw MI
Sun 1 pm	Michael ♥ Lorilee Richardson Ron ♥ Nancy Hawke	UCC/CC(DOC) ILME	Peel AR Mi Wuk Village CA
Sun 2 pm	Steve ♥ Ellen Moulding	ILME	Hooper UT
Sun 3 pm	Jussi ♥ Hanna Ruokomaki	ILME	Espoo Finland
Sun 4 pm	Dan ♥ Judy Teuscher	ILME	St. Louis MO
Sun 5 pm	Chris ♥ Noelma Lam	RC	Georgetown Guyana
Sun 6 pm	Doug ♥ Debbie Miller	UCC/CC(DOC)	Brunswick OH
Sun 7 pm	Ron ♥ Mary Jo Mohlmaster	BME	Akron OH
Sun 8 pm	Dale ♥ Maureen Webber	UCC/CC(DOC)	Brunswick OH
Sun 9 pm	Ralph ♥ Judi Golnick	ILME	Buffalo Grove IL
Sun 10 pm	Michele ♥ Ron Benoit	RC	Drayton Valley Alberta Canada
Sun 11 pm	Bill ♥ Sherry Tunilla	RC	Anchorage AK

*Expressions are the variety of Faith Expressions in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter family:

BME (Baptist); EME (Episcopal); ILME (Lutheran); M&B (Mennonite & Brethren); MEW (Wesleyan), PME (Presbyterian); PO (Pan Orthodox); RME (Reformed); RC (Roman Catholics); SDA (Seventh Day Adventist); UCC/CC(DOC) United Church of Christ & Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); UM (United Methodist).

Eastern Standard Time



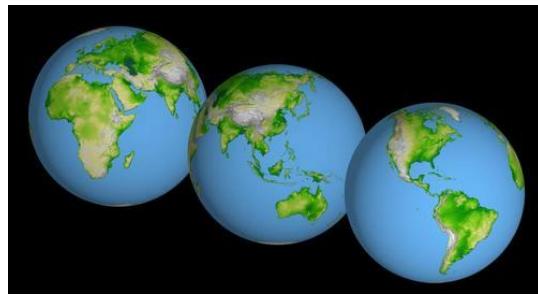
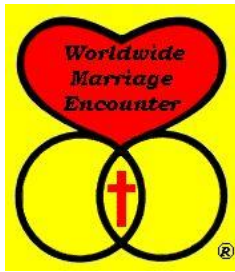
Marriage Encounter Supplies

Just a reminder that our supply couple Dean & Katie Senne are spending November through April in Arizona so are not able to ship supplies during this time (except for a few supplies they take with them for emergencies), so if you have not received all the supplies you need for your spring Weekends, please try contacting the other areas in your district to see if they have extras. The contact email for ordering supplies is: kddesigner@charter.net. Also Dean and Katie are resigning from this position, so please let our NAR leaders the Redmans or the Teuschers know of anyone who might be willing to take on this loving task. Printing the workbook inserts at local Kinkos/FedEx places is again being considered, so if this happens, the amount of storage space needed and the work would be greatly reduced.

EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



It seems that the members of the prayer chain beyond the letter "J" in the alphabet have been lost somewhere in the transfer of this duty. If you are not receiving prayer requests and would like to, please send your name and email address to Jim & Pam Bush of Kansas City, MO at ilmeprayers@aol.com. Also please send your prayer requests to this email address—both concerns and joys.



THE www.ilme.org WEBSITE IS YOUR LIFELINE FOR ALL THINGS LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER. THIS ILME (INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER) WEBSITE INCLUDES ALL KINDS OF DOCUMENTS AND HELPS FOR ENCOUNTERED COUPLES.

For all your information needed, go to: www.ilme.org and click on "Resources for Couples who have been on a Marriage Encounter" to find: dialog helps, workshop ideas, circle presentations, inviting ideas, graphics, bylaws, the new letterhead, the new web banners, and the 2013 and under Presenting Couples (enter the password: LME/pc -- note it is case sensitive) find: Board Minutes, Outlines, the current Workbook, Rosters, Admin Documents, Outreach, Deeper, and Kick-off materials, Weekend Materials (including the current PowerPoint, the current Prayer Vigil, and the new membership cards and business cards) and the current and previous "Presenter Hotlines."

